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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Geneva, 4 and 5 July 1991)*

* The Meeting will be preceded by a preparatory meeting on 2 July 1991.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman.

2. Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation.

3. Closure of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS

1. At its second regular session of 1988, the Council decided, with a view to formulating and elaborating action-oriented recommendations, that it should undertake annually in-depth discussions of major policy themes, to be selected on the basis of a multi-year work programme derived, inter alia, from the priorities set out in the medium-term plan of the United Nations and the work programmes of other relevant United Nations bodies (resolution 1988/77).

2. At its organizational session for 1990, the Council decided that in connection with the major policy theme for 1991, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77, to discuss as an urgent and emerging issue the following: "The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation". The Council also decided that the discussion of the theme should be at a special meeting at an appropriately high level, without excluding the ministerial level, which should be held on 4 and 5 July 1991, during its second regular session. The special meeting should be separate from the regular proceedings of the Council and precede its general discussion of international economic and social policy (decision 1990/205).

3. At its second regular session of 1990, the Council, inter alia:

(a) Invited the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Council, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the adequate preparation of the special high-level meeting of the Council in 1991, and to prepare an analytical report for that meeting, which should, inter alia, include complete information on matters of trade, financial flows and investments in the context of the recent evolution of East-West relations and its consequences for the developing countries;

(b) Invited the President of the Council to convene a one-day preparatory meeting of the Council before the special high-level meeting;

(c) Called upon all appropriate organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to contribute to the success of the special high-level meeting;

(d) Invited all Member States and observer States that are in a position to do so to be represented at the ministerial level (resolution 1990/68).

4. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, in resolution 1945/182, concerning the special high-level meeting of the Council, inter alia, invited all Member States and observer States that are in a position to do so to be represented at the ministerial level.

5. At its organizational session for 1991, the Council, pursuant to its decision 1990/205, confirmed the major policy theme to be considered at its special high-level meeting with ministerial participation in 1991 (decision 1991/202 A).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation (E/1991/82)

Chapter VI of the World Economic Survey (E/1991/75)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session (E/1991/32, Supplement No. 11)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1990-1991 (E/1991/64)

Note verbale dated 13 May 1991 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations transmitting the Declaration of the Algiers Colloquium on the Impact of the Recent Evolution of East/West Relations on the Growth of the World Economy, in particular on the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as on International Economic Cooperation, held from 4 to 6 May 1991 (E/1991/78)

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

6. The Council, at its opening meeting, on 3 July, may wish to decide, under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), to have a Bureau for the Special High-level Meeting at the ministerial level composed of representatives from the same States as the Bureau of the Council for 1991. The Chairman of the Special High-level Meeting would therefore be from the same State as the President of the Council.

7. The Special High-level Meeting will be preceded by a one-day preparatory meeting, to be held on 2 July. It is suggested that the formal segment of the Special High-level Meeting comprise three meetings, to be held on the morning and afternoon of 4 July and the morning of 5 July. A time-limit of 10 minutes would be set for statements. On the afternoon of 5 July, a closed meeting would be held for the heads of delegations accompanied by one adviser, followed by the formal closure of the meeting. The executive heads of relevant specialized agencies and other organizations would take part in the closed meeting.

8. The list of speakers for the Special High-level Meeting will open in New York on 3 June at 10.30 a.m. and close in Geneva on 2 July at 6 p.m.